623rd Meeting

September 11, 2008

1. Mr. Turner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Appeals:

Appeals 08-15, 08-16 Appeal continued till October 9, 2008

Appeal 08-17, Tiverton Yacht Club, 58 Riverside Drive, Tiverton.

Continued

until November 13, 2008. The homeowner requested a site visit from the Board members. The Board decided that it was the Appellant's responsibility to send a photograph of the site to the Board.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook

and seconded by Mr. Howe. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee:

Mr. Pagliaro said that the Certification Subcommittee met and interviewed

Kyle Bridgefarmer as Building Official for the City of Cranston and they found that he met the minimum qualifications and recommended

approval. Mr. Pagliaro also recommended Peter Withers, Jr. as Plumbing

Inspector for the Town of Warren. Mr. Withers also requested certification as

a Mechanical Inspector but did not meet the qualifications. Mr. Brown motioned approved of Mr. Bridgefarmer as Building Official for the City of

Cranston and Mr. Withers as Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Warren. Mr. DeBlois seconded the motion. Mr. Nash abstained from the vote for Mr. Withers. The Board voted approval of the appointments.

The Certification Subcommittee discussed how to go about certifying inspectors by classification. They discussed setting up a system where there would be a Building Inspector One and Building Inspector Two category. Building Inspector One will be only certified for residential section and would have to take and pass the ICC certification, and provide that information the day they are interviewed and would also have to meet the minimum qualifications.

Building Inspector Two will be required to take the residential and Building Code course before being certified. Mr. Leyden is looking into the possibility of requiring more certification hours and how other states are handling qualifications. He said they are also looking into getting a plan reviewer certified whereby they would be required to take the ICC Plan Review test to be certified and this would effect only large cities which require a Plan Reviewer. When this program is up and running current officials would be grandfathered in. Mr. Pagliaro said that this should be complete by January 2, 2009.

b. Rehab Code Subcommittee:

The Subcommittee continues to work on the Rehab Code.

- 6. Legislation: None
- 7. Old Business:

a. Electrical Code Books

Mr. Leyden again informed the Board members that NFPA donated the 2008 Electrical Code books to be distributed to all building officials in the state. Mr. Leyden said that code books are available to Board members following the meeting. Mr. Leyden stated that very few building officials have picked them up and that the Electrical Code is now in effect.

b. Appeal 08-17, Tiverton Yacht Club, 58 Riverside Drive, Tiverton. Continued until November 13, 2008. The homeowner requested a site visit from the Board members. Mr. Newman motioned that the Building Commission send a staff member to the site to take a photograph but the motion was not approved. It was the Board's opinion that the homeowner provide pictures of the site to the Board. Mr. Leyden will contact the Appellant so they may supply photos.

c. Fee Waiver

Mr. Turner wanted to clarify that all future requests for fee waivers need prior approval and support from the Director of Administration before coming before the Building Code Standards Committee.

8. New Business:

a. Annual Meeting

Mr. Leyden requested that the Annual November meeting be changed to

December 11, 2008 at noon instead of November due to pending Tiverton Appeal (08-17) which will be heard on November 13.

b. ICC Code Hearings for the new 2009 Code

Mr. Leyden said that he will be going to the ICC Code Hearings for the new 2009 Code next week. Mr. Leyden is already foreseeing some issues with new residential sprinklers. This Board will probably have to address this within a year from now because we will be adopting the State of Rhode Island Building Code in 2010. Mr. Leyden will give an update at the next meeting.

9. Announcements:

a. Retirement of Elaine Gordon

The Board expressed their thanks to Ms. Gordon for serving on the Building Code Standards Committee for 18 years and wished her luck on her retirement.

10. Adjourn:

Mr. Newbrook motioned to adjourn. Mr. Howe seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John P. Leyden, CBO

Executive Secretary

Building Code Board of Appeals

Members Present: D. Aschman, B. Bernard, R. Brown, B. Davey, R.

DeBlois, J. Fink, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, W. Nash, D. Newbrook, M.

Newman, J. Pagliaro, R. Stillings, S. Turner.

Staff Members Present: J. Leyden, T. Coffey, E. Gordon, J. Enos

Members Absent: J. Carlson, T. Chabot, R. Collins, P. DePace, A.

Durand, D. Palmisciano, G. Preiss,

Staff Members Absent: None

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Staff Members Absent: None

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the William Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Conference Room A, Providence, RI